

04-144 Department of Elections

Agency Description

The mission of the Election Programs is to procure, maintain, and make available appropriate voting equipment for use at the polls on election day to ensure honest, efficient, and uniform voting procedures in Louisiana. The Elections Programs further seek to obtain state of the art absentee voting equipment for use by registered voter during the absentee voting period. By applying technologically advanced election day and absentee voting equipment, the Elections Programs seeks to instill in the public the greatest possible confidence in the integrity and outcome of the elections held within this state.

The Elections Program provides maintenance, storage, repaired, and programming of voting machines and computerized absentee ballot counting equipment to ensure honest, efficient, and uniform voting procedure in Louisiana. In addition, the Elections Programs provides funding for payment of expenses associated with holding elections in the State of Louisiana.

The goal of the Election Program is to provide and keep, at a high level of readiness at all times, the best available equipment that accurately and confidentially records and counts votes cast by Louisiana voters.

The Elections Administration Section is responsible for providing support functions for the Elections Program. The expenses of this activity are discretionary. The Elections Expense Section is responsible for the payment of direct and indirect costs associated with holding elections. The expenses of this activity are non discretionary.

The Field Section is responsible for maintaining, storing, and programming all mechanical and computerized voting machines and computerized absentee ballot counting equipment in the state. The expenses of this activity are discretionary.

AGENCY BUDGET SUMMARY

	ACTUAL 2000-2001	ACT 12 2001-2002	EXISTING 2001-2002	CONTINUATION 2002-2003	RECOMMENDED 2002-2003	RECOMMENDED OVER/(UNDER) EXISTING
MEANS OF FINANCING:						
STATE GENERAL FUND (Direct)	\$21,810,931	\$23,666,678	\$23,666,678	\$28,567,837	\$27,645,554	\$3,978,876
STATE GENERAL FUND BY:						
Interagency Transfers	0	0	0	0	50,000	50,000
Fees & Self-gen. Revenues	2,139,937	2,534,000	2,534,000	2,534,000	2,534,000	0
Statutory Dedications	0	0	0	211,315	211,315	211,315
Interim Emergency Board	0	0	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL FUNDS	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL MEANS OF FINANCING	\$23,950,868	\$26,200,678	\$26,200,678	\$31,313,152	\$30,440,869	\$4,240,191
EXPENDITURES & REQUEST:						
Executive	\$1,407,986	\$1,516,407	\$1,516,407	\$1,406,125	\$1,450,388	(\$66,019)
Management and Finance	684,420	990,462	990,462	1,011,402	903,158	(87,304)
Information Technology	2,458,632	3,057,607	3,057,607	3,088,942	2,955,680	(101,927)
Voter Registration	4,861,796	5,418,722	5,418,722	5,415,047	5,388,746	(29,976)
Elections	14,538,034	15,217,480	15,217,480	20,391,636	19,742,897	4,525,417
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND REQUEST	\$23,950,868	\$26,200,678	\$26,200,678	\$31,313,152	\$30,440,869	\$4,240,191
AUTHORIZED FULL-TIME						
EQUIVALENTS: Classified	100	100	100	100	95	(5)
Unclassified	13	5	5	5	5	0
TOTAL	113	105	105	105	100	(5)